timed retirement as a plain Earl; Sir Samuel Hoare with a Government of India Act to pilot skilfully and cunningly through Parliament, for this service rewarded by the Foreign Secretary-ship, which also he had to resign, tears coming into his eyes as he explained the circumstances of his resignation; Sir Thomas Inskip, then it seemed concerned wholly with Law and the Thirty-Nine Articles, but in due course becoming Minister for Co-Ordination of Defence, the announcement after weeks of speculation of his appointment to this post being greeted with an outburst of uncontrollable laughter, and his relinquishment of it after three unprofitable years, with relief; Sir Kingsley Wood, who was to be occupied successively with the Post Office, Public Health and the Air Force, and—surely not to be omitted—Mr. Neville Chamberlain, former grower of sisal and Mayor of Birmingham, described by Mr. Lloyd George as *not one of my lucky finds', and perhaps not one of ours either.

In uneasy association with these sat Mr. Churchill, his future as uncertain as his past, and behind them a flock obedient then as now, saying little, doing nothing, voting as instructed, subject to only trifling changes—a Captain Eden, forward in asking questions about the activities of the Comintern, in due course becoming Mr. Eden and sole remaining hope of the League of Nations Union; a Duchess of Atholl earnest in denouncing Soviet timber camps and Godlessiiess, and in opposing raising the school leaving age and Indian provincial autonomy, in due course becoming an equally earnest promoter of cultural relations

with the U.S.S.R. and the object of Miss Ellen Wilkinsons enthusiastic praise; in 1938 after an unlucky by-election, vanishing altogether from the parliamentary scene.

Fifty-nine Liberals, ostensibly led by Mr. Lloyd George, have since largely scattered, some falling on stony ground there to perish, some among thorns which soon choked them, and some on good ground—Sir John Simon, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Mr, Bernays—bringing forth fruit, a hundredfold, sixtyfold, thirtyfold. In 1930 they were still supposed to be united in keeping the Labour Cabinet in office, even Sir John Simon occasionally—